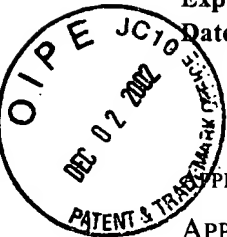


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 10, 2002 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required for a Small Entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-539 CIP (ARCH-39 CIP).

A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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